

## MEETING OF

### THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, May 19, 2010, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Nick Adams, Deputy State Treasurer (representing Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer)
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	Michael Valenti representing Steven Ditmer
Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer	

Absent: Lyn Davenport, Ray Staats, and Kevin Coyle.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Kathi Spangler, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: Michael Parkowski, Esq., Nicole Majeski (Chief of Staff – New Castle County Executive Office), Lisa Jones and Erin Moore.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with prayer.

#### I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 1,034 farms in preservation districts totaling 150,285 acres, with a total of 564 farms under agricultural easements totaling 93,935 acres at a cost of \$158,134,141. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For PDR 16, there are a total of 42 farms, comprising 3,871 acres, with a value of \$49,950,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 36 Forestland Preservation Areas comprising 2,622 acres. For the Forestland Preservation Area Easements, there are a total of 9 properties, comprising 872 acres, with a value of \$1,450,804.

#### II. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Sussex County Land Trust Expansion of the Rust District, ID#S-10-03-034O. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Sussex County Land Trust Expansion of the Rust District, seconded by Edwin Kee. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Cutover Expansion of the Moore-Abbott Farms District, ID#S-10-02-052J. After discussion, **Allen Messick, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Cutover Expansion of the Moore-Abbott Farms District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Secretary of Agriculture's Veto – Secretary Ed Kee waived the right of veto for the above Expansions.

IV. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

#### V. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the April 21, 2010, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Edwin Kee moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

#### VI. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick then presented the Financial Statement for the month of April 2010, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of April 30, 2010, \$242,172.75 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$57.48 from rollback taxes and \$130.00 interest income, and \$210.00 from license plates. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$63,493.46. After discussion, **Nick Adams moved to approve the April 2010 financial statement as presented, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously approved.**

Howard Mesick then presented a memo to the Board requesting the moving of funds. The amounts of \$8,690.00 and \$500.00 would be transferred from the legal Fees budget to the Mapping and Advertising budgets respectively.

After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to transfer the funds as specified in the memo, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath presented the draft FY'11 budget to the Foundation. Michael McGrath and Howard Mesick answered questions from the Board concerning the proposed FY'11 budget. After discussion, **Ed Kee moved to approve the FY'11 Foundation Budget as presented, seconded by Nick Adams. Motion unanimously approved.**

- VII. Executive Session – Mr. Parkowski indicated that there was a need for an executive session. **William Vanderwende moved to go into executive session, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.** The Foundation meeting stopped and the executive session began 8:45 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. the Foundation meeting resumed and the executive session ended. **Ed Kee moved to exit from executive session, seconded by William Vanderwende. Motion unanimously carried.**

- VIII. Purchase of Development Rights Round 15 Selections:

After presentation of the list of selections and discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept the list of selections for PDR Round 15 as presented, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion carried with one abstention of William Vanderwende for those three properties in New Castle County with the name of Vanderwende.**

- VIX. Other Business: There was no other business before the Board.

- X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 16, 2010 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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William Vanderwende  
Vice Chairman